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not a single Templar escaped : they were slain to a man, and the dead bodies of the Master and his ill-fated knights were exposed in triumph from the walls.*

BERTRAND DE
BLANQUEFORT.
A. D. 1154.

De Tremelay was succeeded (A. D. 1154) by Brother Bertrand de Blanquefort, a knight of a noble family of Guienne, called by William of Tyre a pious and God-fearing man.

The Templars continued to be the foremost in every encounter with the Mussulmen, and the Monkish writers exult in the number of infidels they sent to *hell*. A proportionate number of the fraternity must at the same time have ascended to *heaven*, for the slaughter amongst them was terrific. On Tuesday, June 19, A. D. 1156, they were drawn into an ambuscade whilst marching with Baldwin, king of Jerusalem, near Tiberias, three hundred of the brethren were slain on the field of battle, and eighty-seven fell into the hands of the enemy, among whom was Bertrand de Blanquefort himself, and Brother Odo, marshal of the kingdom.† Shortly afterwards, thirty Knights Templars put to flight, slaughtered, and captured, two hundred infidels ;‡ and in a night attack on the camp of Nouredin, they compelled that famous chieftain to fly, without arms and half-naked, from the field of battle. In this last affair the names of Robert Mansel, an Englishman, and Gilbert de Lacy, preceptor of the Temple of Tripoli, are honourably mentioned.§ The services of the Templars were gratefully acknowledged in Europe, and the Pope, in a letter written in their behalf to the Archbishop of Rheims, his legate in France, cha-

* *Anselmi Gemblacensis Chron.* ad ann. 1153. *Will. Tyr.* lib. xvii. cap. 27.

† Captus est inter cæteros ibi Bertrandus de Blanquefort, Magister Militiæ Templi, vir religiosus ac timens Deum. *Will. Tyr.* lib. xviii. cap. 14. *Registr. epist.* apud *Martene* vet. script. tom. ii. col. 647.

‡ Milites Templi circa triginta, ducentos Paganorum euntes ad nuphas verterent in fugam, et divino præsidio comitante, omnes partim ceperunt, partim gladio trucidarunt. *Registr. epist. ut sup.* col. 647.

§ *Will. Tyr.* lib. xix. cap. 8.

racterizes them as “New Maccabees, far famed and most valiant champions of the Lord.” “The assistance,” says the Pope, “rendered by those holy warriors to all Christendom, their zeal and valour, and untiring exertions in defending from the persecution and subtilty of the filthy Pagans, those sacred places which have been enlightened by the corporal presence of our Saviour, we doubt not have been spread abroad throughout the world, and are known, not only to the neighbouring nations, but to all those who dwell at the remotest corners of the earth.” The holy pontiff exhorts the archbishop to procure for them all the succour possible, both in men and horses, and to exert himself in their favour among all his suffragan bishops.*

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The fiery zeal and warlike enthusiasm of the Templars were equalled, if not surpassed, by the stern fanaticism and religious ardour of the followers of Mahomet. “Noureddin fought,” says his oriental biographer, “like the meanest of his soldiers, saying, ‘Alas! it is now a long time that I have been seeking martyrdom without being able to obtain it.’ The Imaum Koteb-ed-din, hearing him on one occasion utter these words, exclaimed, ‘In the name of God do not put your life in danger, do not thus expose Islam and the Moslems. Thou art their stay and support, and if (but God preserve us therefrom) thou shouldest be slain, it will be all up with us.’ ‘Ah! Koteb-ed-deen,’ said he, ‘what hast thou said, who can save *Islam*† and our country, but that great God who has no equal?’ ‘What,’ said he, on another occasion, ‘do we not look to the security of our houses against robbers and plunderers, and shall we not defend religion?’”‡

* *Epist.* xvi. S. Remensi archiepiscopo et ejus suffraganeis pro ecclesia Jerosolymitana et militibus Templi, apud *Martene vet. script.* tom. ii. col. 647.

† *Islam*, the name of the Mahometan religion. The word signifies literally, delivering oneself up to God.

‡ Keightley's Crusaders.





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WABON LODGE NO. 305, A. F. & A. M.

This lodge was instituted in 1871. The early records were destroyed by fire, which makes it impossible to give but a passing notice of its early history. The first officers were: Albert Fox, W. M.; W. W. H. Gavitt, S. W.; W. H. Harris, J. W.; I. A. Fancher, Treas.; John Manners, Sec.; L. J. Worden, S. D.; Charles Worden, J. D.; and A. B. Balcom, Tyler. The charter members were the following named gentlemen: A. Fox, William N. Harris, William H. Gavitt, John Maxwell, Isaac A. Fancher, Seth T. Worden, Charles E. Worden, James Fockler, De Los Bramon, A. B. Balcom, Charles O. Curtis, and H. M. Gilman.

Wabon Lodge is now one of the best working lodges in Central Michigan, and the present Master, D. Scott Partridge, is peculiarly well fitted for the place he occupies. For several years he has served the brethren in the capacity of Master, and their feelings toward him is well understood by the presentation speech delivered by Dr. S. C. Brown, Dec. 12, 1883, and given on page 445 of this volume.

The officers elect for the ensuing Masonic year are: D. Scott Partridge, W. M.; Wm. A. Starkweather, S. D.; Daniel M. Witt, J. D.; Myron A. Nott, Treas.; William I. Cutler, Sec.; Thomas Sampson, S. D.; Moses Brown, J. D., and John Maxwell, Chaplain.

The prosperity of Wabon Lodge is only equalled by the harmony and good feeling which prevail among the brethren.

MT. PLEASANT CHAPTER, NO. III, R. A. M., was organized Feb. 4, 1884. The dispensation was

granted authorizing them to work April 9, 1883. The charter members of this order were: Messrs. Robert Laughlin, Mark F. Fasquelle, John R. Robinson, Silenus A. Simons, D. Scott Partridge, C. O. Curtis, P. F. Doods, E. F. McQueen, Wm. A. Osborn, Cicero Kimball, I. N. Shepherd, John Maxwell, Samuel Kennedy, Richard Hoy, James B. Kennedy and Henry Struble.

The first officers elect were: Robert Laughlin, H. P.; M. F. Fasquelle, K.; J. R. Robinson, S.; S. A. Simons, Treas.; D. Scott Partridge, Sec.; Chas. O. Curtis, C. H.; P. F. Doods, P. S.; E. F. McQueen, R. A. C.; Wm. A. Osborn, G. M. 3d V.; C. Kimball, G. M. 2d V.; Jno. Maxwell, G. M. 1st V., and I. N. Shepherd, Sentinel.

Wm. T. Whitney was the first one to receive the degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

The present officials are: Robert Laughlin, H. P.; M. F. Fasquelle, K.; I. N. Shepherd, S.; D. Scott Partridge, C. H.; E. F. McQueen, P. S.; W. J. Corbus, Treas.; Wm. T. Whitney, Sec.; John Maxwell, 3d G. M.; Cicero Kimball, 2d G. M.; John Richmond, 1st G. M.; Chas. C. Whitney, Sentinel, and John R. Robinson, Chaplain.

The chapter is in a flourishing condition. They are pleasantly located in the lodge rooms of No. 305, A. F. & A. M.

KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES.

The lodge was instituted March 17, 1884, with a membership of 22 persons. The order is calculated to promote friendship and brotherly love, besides being a mutual relief association. The officers are: F. H. Tyler, Past Commander; Charles T. Russell, Commander; V. F. Conlogue, Lieut.; Fred Russell, R. K.; F. W. Ralph, F. K.; W. C. Dusenbury, P.; F. H. Tyler, Physician; J. J. Kitchen, Sergeant; J. B. VanFossen, M. A. A.; O. W. Stebbins, 1st M. of G; F. C. Prince, 2nd M. of G; I. L. Swan, Sentinel; and W. R. Sturgis, Picket.





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